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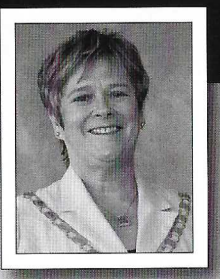

Ever since I was elected Provost of North Ayrshire Council, I have been looking forward to taking part in this year's Marymass Festival.

The extensive programme of events on offer ensures that there is something on during the Festival for all age groups and tastes. I hope to visit and take part in as many events as possible and enjoy the festival atmosphere.

Marymass Festival brings people and communities together and generates a great sense of community spirit. Many visitors attend the festival year after year – bringing a boost to the local economy and allowing us to showcase our town and cultural heritage.

I would like to thank the Marymass Committee, Irvine Carters' Society, and members of the Inter Agency Group for all their input in delivering this year's Marymass Festival.

Behind the scenes of any event there are a number of volunteers who work tirelessly and without reward and Marymass Festival is no exception. The local community events taking place throughout the 12 days of Marymass are arranged by local voluntary organisations and thanks are due to everyone who has given up their free time and invested it in their local community.

In particular my best wishes go to this year's Marymass Queen Emma Morrison, her Marys Caitlin Haldane, Erin McAuley, Adele Gaffney and Yolanda Kelly and page boys Kieran Goff and Ciaran Gibson.

Finally, on behalf of the members and officials of North Ayrshire Council I hope you all have an enjoyable Marymass Festival.

Councillor Joan Sturgeon
Provost

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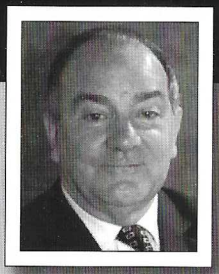

Marymass is the time when we celebrate our proud history and traditions. It is an opportunity to put our ancient town in the spotlight, and let the world know about our roots and our heritage.

The expectations of the town and the many visitors, are massive, and I am delighted to say that everything is now in place for this year's Marymass Festival to be the best ever.

When we look back to last year, which was acclaimed as "one of the best ever" we knew we would have to work hard to make 2012 special, and we believe we have.

The new Queen and her four attendant Marys have been chosen, and will be "sashed" at the Opening Ceremony outside the Townhouse, on Thursday 16th August. On the same night, the Captain of Irvine Carters' Society for 2012 will be announced.

Saturday the 18th promises to be a special day, with the Fourth Port Parade in the morning, followed by the "Marymass Fun Day" at Marress, home of Irvine Sports Club. In the evening, the amazing and "not to be missed" Festival of Light Parade takes place from the Town Centre to Irvine Moor. This is one for all the family, with fire jugglers, animals on stilts, music and many other surprises. The kids will love it. Kids, bring your parents.

The day ends with the fantastic, phenomenal Fireworks Extravaganza.

The third Saturday following the first Monday is Marymass Saturday and after Queen Emma is crowned at noon, we have the biggest, brightest and most brilliant Parade in the land. Come to the Crowning. Enjoy the Parade.

My personal thanks are due to the members of the Marymass Committee, the Emergency Services, Sponsors, and to you, the public.

Councillor Ian Clarkson
Chair, Marymass Development Committee

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Captain's Message

Once again it has come to the time of year that all Irvinites look forward to – welcoming family and friends back home.

As ever, a lot of hard work has gone into this year's Parade and in particular the large floats at the rear of the Parade. My thanks to all the people involved in producing the floats to such a very high standard. At the time of writing this there are expected to be seven large floats – one more than last year. The sponsors of the floats and all the people who work so hard behind the scenes on the Parade are also due huge thanks.

Over the past few years there has been a decline in the Children's Fancy Dress on Foot section in the Parade It would be great if we could get more children involved and I ask any participants to meet at the Volunteer Rooms at 11.15am ready to join the parade at noon. Judging will be on The Moor when the Parade arrives around 1.00pm.

Due to the work in the Bridegate, the annual Marymass exhibition will be located in a shop at the top of escalators in The Mall with the kind permission of the Rivergate Centre. Be sure to pop in and look back at Marymass past.

On behalf of Irvine Carters' Committee may I thank the Royal Party from last year - Queen Alana McGinnis and Marys Stephanie Sharp, Chloe Wilson, Ellie Marie MacMillan and Caitlin-Jay Quinn also the Pages Dylan and Liam for all their excellent work last year. They have been a great credit to their families, schools and the young people of Irvine.

Thanks to the Ex-Captains, Committee and Members of Irvine Carters' Society for all their hard work over recent months, also Garry Hamilton from North Ayrshire Council. The last year has been a difficult one for the Marymass Development Committee but the committee have still managed to put together a very good festival and on your behalf I thank Chairman Ian Clarkson and members of the committee Danny Anderson, Alistair Kennedy and Ex-Capt Andy Tremble for all their hard work and endeavour as well as all the other agencies and volunteers who help make Marymass safe and fun.

I hope that the weather will be kind to us and that 2012 will be another successful Marymass for all.

Captain Danny Kerr

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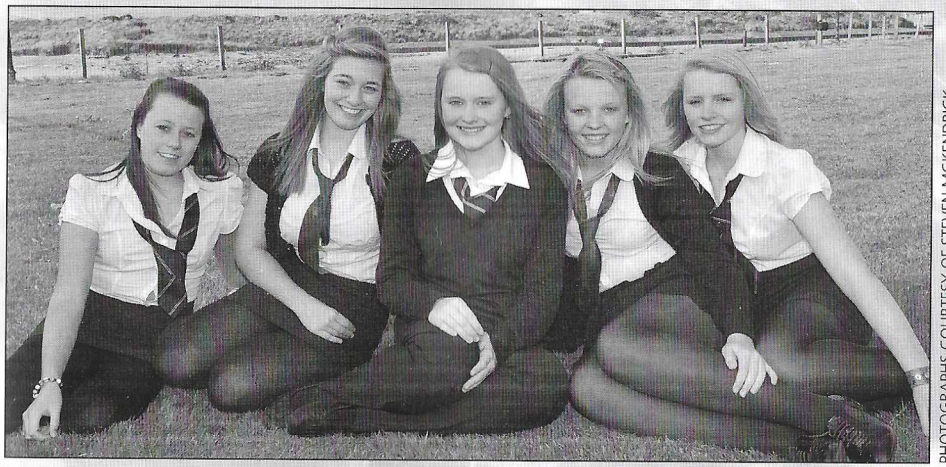
Marymass Queen 2012

Emma Morrison

School: Greenwood Academy
The best things about Marymass are: Definitely the atmosphere around Irvine on the day. The whole day is amazing but the Parade is one of my favourites, also spending time with my family on the day and going to the shows with my friends.
Favourite Singer/Band: Example, Tinie Tempah, Coldplay, Nicki Minaj, Jason Denito and many more.
Favourite TV Programme: The Inbetweeners and anything that makes me laugh.
Hobbies: All sports especially athletics and football, art, dancing, speaking in sign language.
Ambitions: Doing well in all my exams going to university and a career involving children.
If you could change places with anyone who would it be and why? Jessica Ennis, as I would love to experience the feeling of doing well in the Olympics and to be a role model towards young children and to do your country proud.
What does being Marymass Queen mean to you? I feel it's an honour. It means the world. Ever since I was young I have wanted to be a Mary or Queen. Becoming Queen is amazing. My family are extremely proud of me. It's the best feeling ever. To know that I will be part of Irvine's history is unbelievable.



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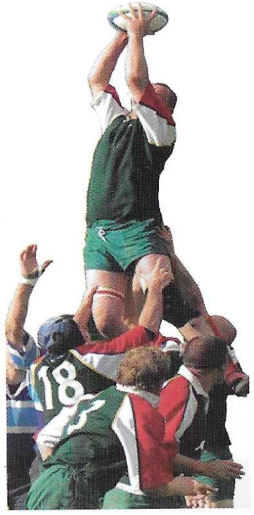

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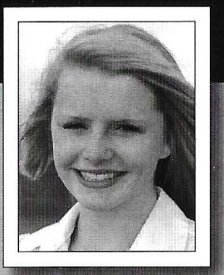

Erin McAuley

School: St Matthew's Academy
The best things about Marymass are: The atmosphere, how families and the community come together. Also there is something for Irvine to look forward to during the year.
Favourite Singer/Band: Pixie Lott, Coldplay, Snow Patrol
Favourite TV Programme: Keeping up with the Kardashians
Hobbies: I play football for Irvine Thistle and Captain the team. Drama, Hockey. Anything sporty.
Ambitions: To move to Canada and get a football scholarship.
If you could change places with anyone who would it be and why? I would change place with Dynamo. He is a magician on a TV programme, he is absolutely amazing and the tricks he does are magnificent. I would just like to be able to do all the weird stuff he can do.
What does being a Marymass Mary mean to you? Being a Marymass Mary means so much to me. For years I have been part of Marymass and to be a Mary is just amazing. My family and friends are very proud and looking forward to the big day.

Yolanda Kelly

School: St Matthew's Academy
The best things about Marymass are: I love everything about Marymass especially the Parade and the whole build up of the Festival.
Favourite Singer/Band: Nicki Minaj.
Favourite TV Programme: Home & Away and Eastenders.
Hobbies: Dancing, I've been dancing since the age of two at the Janice Marshall Stage School.
Ambitions: To pass all my exams and become a Dance Teacher.
If you could change places with anyone who would it be and why? No one because I like who I am as a person.
What does being a Marymass Mary mean to you? Words can't describe what being a Marymass Mary means to me and my family. It's an honour to represent my school and my town.

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Adele Gaffney

School: Irvine Royal Academy
The best things about Marymass are: The Big Day on Saturday, being in a carriage, wearing the dress, attending all the events, meeting people and to make the community proud.
Favourite Singer/Band: One Direction and Beyonce.
Favourite TV Programme: Family Guy, Hollyoaks.
Hobbies: Football, music, running around the moor, dancing, athletics.
Ambitions: To be a lawyer.
If you could change places with anyone who would it be and why? No one because I just like being myself.
What does being a Marymass Mary mean to you? Everything. It will be a wonderful experience. I also like to make my family happy.

Caitlin Haldane

School: Irvine Royal Academy
The best things about Marymass are: The Parade, Fireworks and the Crowning Ceremony.
Favourite Singer/Band: One Direction.
Favourite TV Programme: Only Way is Essex.
Hobbies: Play Guitar, shopping and spending time with my friends.
Ambitions: To go to university and become a Forensic Psychologist.
If you could change places with anyone who would it be and why? I would change places with one of the members from One Direction just so I could spend a day with Niall.
What does being a Marymass Mary mean to you? It's an honour to represent my school and my community. I am so excited and looking forward to the Festival.

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Saturday 25 August

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Parade assembles at Golffields Road

9.30am
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Broomlands Drive
Townhead
High Street
Bank Street
East Road
Eglinton Street

10.15am
High Street
Bank Street
Thornhouse Avenue
Clark Drive
McKinnon Terrace
Stewart Drive
Caldon Road

11am
Quarry Road
Eglinton Street
High Street
Bank Street
East Road
Townhead

12noon
Crowning Ceremony
High Street
Eglinton Street
Burns Street
Kilwinning Road
Carrick Drive

1pm
Irvine Moor

5pm
Return Parade from Irvine Moor
Carrick Drive
Kilwinning Road
Burns Street
Castle Street
Seagate

Rear of parade carries straight on at mini-roundabout along Eglinton Street and waits at top of Seagate until Parade clears Seagate.

High Street
Townhead

Parade disbands in front of Porthead Tavern
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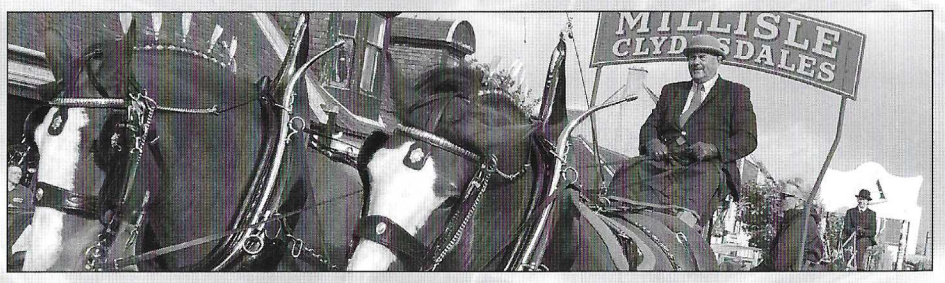

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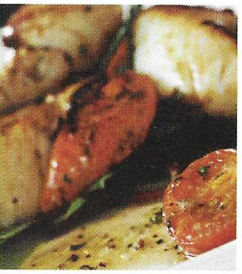

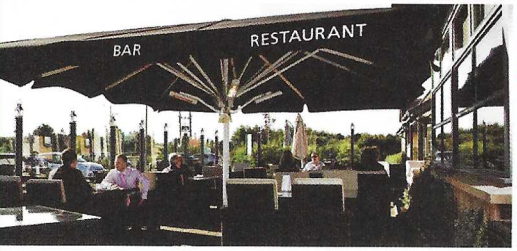

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Who has the greenest fingers in the KA12 area of Irvine? Irvine Community Council is looking for the best kept garden. Judging will take place on Wednesday 15 August.
Contact: June Niven 01294 279144

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Marymass Exhibition
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www.marymass.org find us on facebook @ Irvine Carters

✺ Wednesday 8 August

Ravenspark Golf Course
9.00am
This popular open Golf championship is open to all players under 18 years of age on the 1st January 2012
Contact: David Brown 01294 552196

✺ Sunday 12 August

Marymass Darts Competition
12.30pm. Towerlands Sports Club
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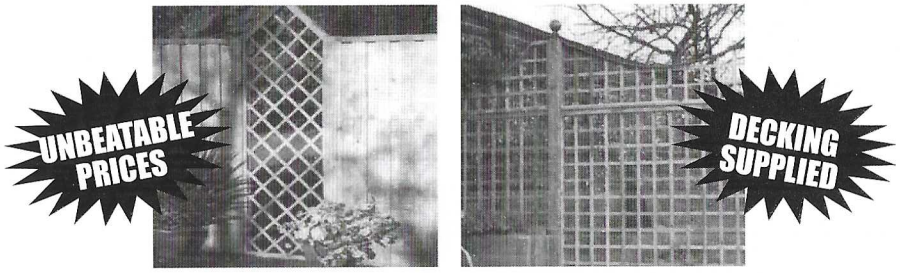

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Contact: Colin Young 01294 551883

Marymass Opening Ceremony
7.30pm - 9.30pm. Irvine Town House
Join the opening celebrations with the announcement of the Captain of Irvine Carters' Society for 2012 and the sashing of the Marymass Queen Elect and her four Marys.

Marymass Karaoke @ Porthead Tavern
8.30pm – 12 midnight. Porthead Tavern
Karaoke with Glyn
All singers entered into a Prize Draw. 1st Prize - Complimentary Meal for two and 2nd Prize - Bottle of House Wine.

Marymass Open Mic Night
Pitchers Bar 8pm – midnight.
Nightclub 11pm – 2.30 am. Free entry 11 – 11.30pm. Thereafter £4.
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

✺ Friday 17 August

Pitchers Bar DJ in bar 9pm – midnight
DJ in Nightclub 11pm - 2.30am. Free entry 11pm – 11.30pm Thereafter £5.
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

Marymass Open Domino Competition
7.30pm. Delta Bar
Take part in the Singles Open Domino Competition. Entry £1
Contact: Stuart Wilson 01294 279390

✺ Saturday 18 August

Fourth Port Parade
11am – 1pm. Departs Second Avenue
The historic Fourth Port Parade, led by Irvine Carters' Society is joined by a host of community bands & floats.

THE IRVINE GOLF CLUB

The Irvine Golf Club is delighted to be given the opportunity to support Marymass Week and to be associated with the traditions of the Royal Burgh of Irvine.

The Club this year celebrated it's 125th anniversary and since it's establishment it has built a reputation as being a very testing links Course with a very friendly Clubhouse. It has produced three Scottish Amateur Champions, a World Junior Champion, a Walker Cup Player, and a British Seniors Champion.

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We like to believe that our achievements, in a small way, are adding to the history of Irvine with its traditions of the Incorporated Trades, the Burns Club and the Carters' Society. On behalf of the Irvine Golf Club I wish Marymass every success this year and for many years to come.

David Moore, Captain

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Marymass Funday at Marress
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Marymass Rugby Tournament
1pm – 5pm. Irvine Sports Club
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Contact: Robert Auld 01924 276278

Marymass Fun at Marress
1pm – 4pm. Irvine Sports Club
A great family event featuring local charity stalls and children's activities.
Contact: Danny Kerr 01294 553595

Marymass Children's Races
1.30pm – 3.30pm. Irvine Sports Club
Irvine Athletic Club organizing races for all age groups from pre-school to early secondary.
Contact: Andrew Rennie 01294 274772

Marymass Fireworks Roadshow
7.30pm – 9.45pm. Irvine Moor
Enjoy excellent family entertainment before the fireworks light up the sky.
Contact: Communications Team at North Ayrshire Council 01294 324137

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Events 2012

Saturday 18 August continued . . .

Marymass Festival of Light Procession
9pm. Departs High Street
Witness a spectacular mix of samba musicians, fire-eaters and stilt walkers as the procession makes its way from the High Street to Irvine Moor.
Contact: Communications Team North Ayrshire Council 01294 324137

Side Splitter Comedy Marymass Special
9pm. Harbour Arts Centre
Come on take a slide down comedy's greasy pole for a Side Splitters Comedy Club Marymass Special as we bring you a host of top acts including headliner the wonderful Silky – one of the best acts gigging today. He will make you squirm and laugh in equal measures. 'Very, very funny fella. Just brilliant' John Bishop. Appearing with Silky is Patrick Rolink, who with his larger than life character coupled with the warmth of his personality has made him a firm favourite with audiences. This Marymass tradition will be hosted by Ayrshire's own comedy fizz bomb Billy Kirkwood.
To book your tickets (£6.00), call the centre on 01294 274059 or online www.ticketweb.co.uk

Marymass Fireworks Display
9.45pm. Irvine Moor
An explosive display for all the family.

Pitchers Bar DJ in bar 9pm – midnight
DJ in Nightclub 11pm – 2.30 am. Free entry 11pm – 11.30pm. Thereafter £7.
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

✺ Sunday 19 August

Kirkin' of the Captain of Irvine Carters' Society
10.30am: Procession departs Irvine Town House
10.45am: Service at Old Parish Church

Marymass Sea Angling Club's Festival
Irvine Water Sport's Club. Registration 8am – 9am. Event. 10am – 4pm.
This open small boat fishing competition has plenty of prizes up for grabs. Marymass Queen Elect and Marys will be in attendance.
For further information contact William Main 01294 218484

Karaoke @ Pitchers Bar 9pm – midnight
Nightclub 11pm – 2am. Free entry 11.00pm – 11.45 pm. Thereafter £4.
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

Events 2012

Sunday 19 August continued . . .

Marymass Jazz
2pm - 4.30pm. Harbour Arts Centre
An afternoon's programme of traditional Jazz. £8 / £6 concession.
Contact: George Hewitt 01294 278167

Family Arts and Crafts for Marymass
Harbour Arts Centre 2 - 4pm Why not take part in our Family Arts & Crafts sessions and create and contribute to making a stained glass window for Marymass, using simple techniques in this fun filled arts and crafts session for families.
Tickets £2 per family per session. To book your tickets call the centre now on 01294 274059. Please note that all under 5's must be accompanied by an adult

Irvine Rugby Club Fiftieth Anniversary
Commences 12 – 5pm. Irvine Sports Club
Youth Rugby Tournament. Eight teams - under 16's / under 15's.
Contact Robert Auld for details: 01294 276278

✳ Monday 20 August

Marymass Carpet Bowls Championship
10.30am – 3pm. Volunteer Rooms
Carpet Bowls Championship for people with additional support needs.
Marymass Queen Elect and Marys will be in attendance.
Contact: Stephen Browning 01294 317457

Marymass Karaoke
3pm. Crown Inn
Contact: Ina 01294 279715

Heritage Tour
7pm. Starting from Kirkgate. Ever thought of trying yesterday? Well, come along to Irvine Old Parish churchyard where the past is always present and meet the ancestors! Tours conducted by Weaver Billy Kerr on behalf of Irvine Incorporated Trades focusing on memorials that portray the tools used by craftsmen of former trades.
All tours are free and start at front gate of Church in Kirkgate.
For further information, contact Billy Kerr 01294 271240 or puddleford@gmail.com

Marymass Senior Citizens Concert
7 - 9.30pm. Volunteer Rooms
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✳ Tuesday 21 August

Marymass Afternoon Tea with the Marymass Queen Elect and Four Marys in the Award Winning Gailes Hotel
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Gailes Hotel, Marina Drive, Irvine
Telephone 01294 204040

Marymass Psychic Night
7.30pm to 10pm. Volunteer Rooms Irvine. Tickets £6.
Contact: Andy Tremble on 01294 275515

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Marymass Poker Night
7pm. Crown Inn
Contact: Ina 01294 279715

Music Quiz @ Pitchers Bar
9pm – 11.30pm. Cash prize
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

✳ Wednesday 22 August

Marymass Folk Festival, Coffee Afternoon Folk
1pm – 3pm. Mure Church Hall, West Road, £2.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Folk Festival,
Formal Opening of the 45th Marymass Folk Festival
The Marymass Queen Elect will open the Festival followed by
The Open Stage Competition
8pm – 11pm. Vineburgh Community Centre, Quarry Road, £5.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Fourth Port Parade & Marymass Fun Day

@ Bridgegate, Saturday 18 August

Parade Route

11am

Second Avenue
Heatherhouse Road
Ayr Road
Rubie Crescent
Lamont Drive
Ayr Road
Merryvale Road
Greenbank Road
Scott Road
McKinlay Crescent
Fullarton Street
Maress Roundabout
Victoria Roundabout
Cochrane Street
Montgomery Street
Harbour Street
Beach Drive
Gottries Road
Gottries Place
Montgomery Street
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New Street

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Programme

12noon
Opening of the Marymass Fun Day by Marymass Queen Elect Emma Morrison, and her Marys Erin McAuley, Yolanda Kelly, Adele Gaffney, and Caitlin Haldane.

Evening

9pm Festival of Light Procession departs High Street for Irvine Moor

9.45pm Fireworks Display at Irvine Moor

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Marymass Saturday 25th August

JUDGING OF HORSES IN PARADE
Golffields Road 8.30am

PARADE TO TOWN HOUSE
Departs Golffields Road 9.30am

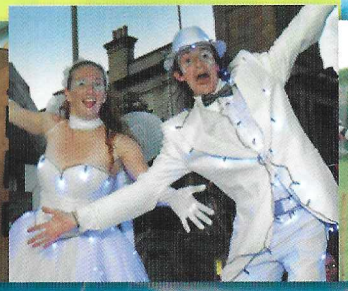
PRE-CROWNING ENTERTAINMENT
Town House 11am

CROWNING OF MARYMASS QUEEN
Town House 12noon

PARADE TO THE MOOR
Departs Town House 12.30pm

MARYMASS HORSE RACES
Irvine Moor 1.00pm – 4.45pm

RETURN PARADE
Departs Irvine Moor 5pm



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Wednesday 22 August continued . . .

Marymass Special Highland Games
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Marymass Companion Dog Show
6.15pm. Volunteer Rooms
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Marymass Fairground
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7pm. Crown Inn
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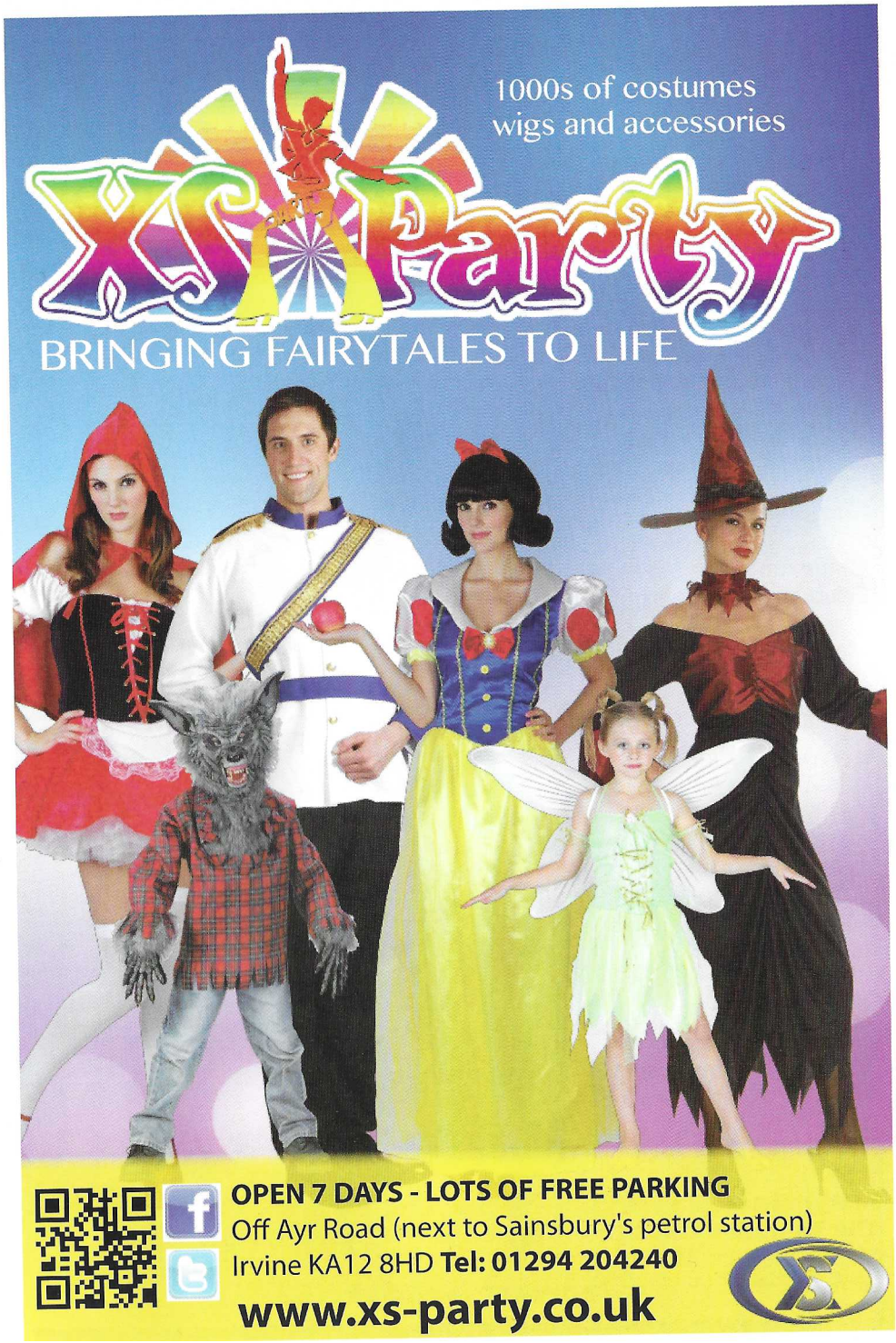
✳ Thursday 23 August

Marymass Lawn Bowls Championships
10.30am – 3pm. Irvine Park Bowling Club
Lawn Bowls Championships for people with additional support needs.
Marymass Queen Elect and Four Marys will be in attendance.

Marymass Folk Festival,
The Thursday Lunchtime Session with Festival Guests
12.30pm – 2pm. The Ship Inn, Harbourside. Free.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047



Events 2012

Thursday 23 August continued . . .

Marymass Folk Festival Concert for Senior Citizens
Sponsored by Irvine Rotary Club
With Festival Guests
2pm – 4pm. Woodlands Centre, Kilwinning Road. Free.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Folk Festival Info
MCs at the festival will be Dominic Boyce, Bill Nolan and Willie Sinclair
Please note, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights are BYOB.. Concert tickets - £15 (£5 Open Stage) are now available at Irvine Folk Club or by post from Joyce. Please send an SAE, with cheque payable to Marymass Folk Festival and send to 7 Machrie Place, Kilwinning KA13 6RW.

Marymass Folk Festival Singers' Concert
With Barbara Dymock, Heather Heywood, Celine Donoghue & Stephen Quigg + Festival Guests
8pm – 11pm. Vineburgh Community Centre, Quarry Road. £15.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Folk Festival The After Concert Singaround
(Open to concert-goers only)
11pm-ish until late. Vineburgh Community Centre. Free.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Bowling Final
6.30pm. Irvine Park Bowling Club
Final of Ladies and Gents Bowling Tournament
Contact: Ian Kerr 01294 273349

Marymass Fairground
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Marymass Karaoke @ Porthead Tavern
8.30pm – 12 midnight. Porthead Tavern
Karaoke with Glyn
All singers entered into a Prize Draw. 1st Prize - Complimentary Meal for two and 2nd Prize - Bottle of House Wine.

Marymass Live Band with Vendetta
9.30pm. Crown Inn
Contact: Ina 01294 279715

General Knowledge Quiz @ Pitchers Bar
9pm – 11.30pm
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

✺ Friday 24 August

Marymass Chess Congress
4pm - 11pm. Irvine Royal Academy
The only open International Chess Congress in Ayrshire
Contact: Stephen Clark 01294 278638

Marymass Folk Festival at School!
With Festival Guests
Sponsored by Irvine Rotary Club
11am – 12 noon. Haysholm School, John Galt, Castlepark, St. Marks and Stanecastle School.
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Marymass Folk Festival The Friday Lunchtime Session
With Festival Guests
12.30pm – 2pm. The Ship Inn, Harbourside. Free.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Folk Festival Folk Music at Options for Independence
With Festival Guests
Sponsored by Irvine Rotary Club
2pm – 4pm. British Red Cross House
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Folk Festival The Danny Kyle Tea-Time Session
With Festival Guests and Friends
4.30pm – 6pm. The Ship Inn, Harbourside. Free.
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Marymass Folk Festival Concert: The Barbara Dymock Band
With Festival Guests
8pm -11pm. Vineburgh Community Centre, Quarry Road, £15.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Folk Festival The After Concert Singaround
(Open to concert-goers only)
11pm-ish until late, Vineburgh Community Centre, Free.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Heritage Tour
4pm. Starting from Kirkgate. Ever thought of trying yesterday? Well, come along to Irvine Old Parish churchyard where the past is always present and meet the ancestors! Tours conducted by Weaver Billy Kerr on behalf of Irvine Incorporated Trades focusing on memorials that portray the tools used by craftsmen of former trades.
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Marymass Fairground
6pm – 10pm. Irvine Moor
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Marymass Derby: Irvine Meadow v Irvine Victoria
6.45pm, Meadow Park
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Marymass Karaoke
9pm. Crown Inn
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Pitchers Bar
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DJ in Nightclub 11pm – 3am
Contact: Pitchers 01294 271444

Marymass Open Domino Competition
7.30pm. Delta Bar
Take part in the Doubles Open Domino Competition
Entry £2 per team
Contact: Stuart Wilson 01294 279390

✺ Saturday 25 August

Marymass Saturday
9.30am – 6pm
Irvine Town House and Moor

Join the carnival atmosphere on Marymass Saturday when one of the largest horse-drawn processions in Scotland leads the crowd to Irvine Town Centre to witness the Crowning of the Marymass Queen.

The Parade then makes its way to Irvine Moor, where a full afternoon of sporting events and fun activities takes place, including:

- Scotland's oldest horse race meeting
- The legendary Greasy Pole competition – a quirky Marymass tradition which sees teams attempting to climb a 20ft pole coated in grease to retrieve the 'coveted ham'
- A vibrant fairground with fun stalls and rides for all

Judging of Horses in Parade
8.30am. Golffields Road

Parade to Town House
9.30am. Departs Golffields Road

Pre-Crowning Entertainment
11am. Town House

Crowning of Marymass Queen
12 noon. Town House

Events 2012

Saturday 25 August continued . . .

Parade to the Moor
12.30pm. Departs Town House

Marymass Folk Festival The Marymass Saturday Bash
With Festival Guests and Friends
11am – 3pm. Woodlands Centre, Kilwinning Road
Adults £1 – Children / Seniors 50p.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

Marymass Fairground
12 noon – 10pm. Irvine Moor
All the fun of the fair at these traditional shows.

Marymass Horse Races
1pm – 4.45pm. Irvine Moor

Heritage Tour
2pm. Starting from Kirkgate. Ever thought of trying yesterday? Well, come along to Irvine Old Parish churchyard where the past is always present and meet the ancestors! Tours conducted by Weaver Billy Kerr on behalf of Irvine Incorporated Trades focusing on memorials that portray the tools used by craftsmen of former trades.
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Return Parade
5pm. Departs Irvine Moor

Marymass Folk Festival Marymass Saturday Night Concert
With The Outside Track + Festival Guests
7.30pm – 12 midnight. Volunteer Rooms, High Street
£15 Seniors / Children £12.
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 55104

Marymass Karaoke @ Porthead Tavern
8.30pm – 11pm. Porthead Tavern
Karaoke with Mark
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Marymass Karaoke
9pm. Crown Inn
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Marymass Folk Festival The After Concert Singaround
(Open to concert-goers only)
Volunteer Rooms, High Street. 11.30pm-ish until late
For further information contact Joyce Hodge on 01294 551047

✺ Sunday 26 August

Marymass Service
10.30am. Procession from Irvine Town House
10.45am. Service at Old Parish Church
Marymass Queen Elect and Four Marys in attendance.

Marymass 10K Road Race
Incorporating West District 10K Championship. 11.15am start.
Relatively flat course suitable for all abilities. Registration at Irvine Sports Club from 9am.
Contact Andrew Rennie 01294 274772

Marymass Pool Competition
12 noon. Irvine Water Sports Club
Marymass Three Man Pool Competition. Players must be 16 years and over.
Contact: Grant Davidson 01294 274981

Marymass Folk Festival The Marymass Survivors' Session
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2pm – 6pm. Woodlands Centre, Kilwinning Road. Free.
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Marymass Open Mic Karaoke
3pm. Crown Inn
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Divine Service
5.45pm Procession departs Castle Street
6pm. Service at St Mary's Church
Marymass Queen Elact and Four Marys in attendance.

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Events 2012

✺ Monday 27 August

Marymass Flower Show
3.00pm. Volunteer Rooms
Marymass Queen and Four Marys in attendance.
Presentation of Prizes at 7.00pm
Contact: Carol Hogg 01294 274365

✺ Friday 31 August

Marymass Mayhem
Doors open at 6pm
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1929	Agnes Plenderleith
1930	Ray Tanner
1931	Theresa Brady
1932	Stella Connor
1933	Emilia Wyllie
1934	Jean McDonald
1935	Margaret Gilmore
1936	May Wark
1937	Theresa Quinn
1938	Polly Wills
1939	Elizabeth Raeside
1940 to 1945	No celebration due to World War II
1946	Angela Craik
1947	Anne Mercer
1948	May Timpany
1949	May McGinn
1950	Jean McCulloch
1951	Rena Bell
1952	Rosemary Scott
1953	Isobel McKay
1954	Anne Dale
1955	Patricia Lynch
1956	May McColl
1957	Elaine Ballantyne
1958	Margaret Lamb
1959	Pamela Childes
1960	Mary Hall
1961	Elizabeth Quinn
1962	Wilma Hamilton
1963	Kay Sutherland
1964	Frances O'Hagen Brown
1965	Elizabeth Chalmers
1966	Ailna McPhee
1967	Anne Myles
1968	Joanne Morrison
1969	Carol Salmon
1970	Eileen Martin
1971	Jacqueline Coyle
1972	Sandra Fulton
1973	Alicia Laughland
1974	Linda Smith
1975	June Watson
1976	Angela McDaid
1977	Elizabeth Ewing
1978	Dawn Phair
1979	Ann Marie Scott
1980	Audrey Hepburn
1981	Lesley Hood
1982	Caroline Burns
1983	Jacqueline Cherrie
1984	Lynn Coull
1985	Pamela Gallacher
1986	Pamela Jane Kirk
1987	Yvonne Allison
1988	Susanne Murphy
1989	Gillian Butler
1990	Kadeen Rae
1991	Nicola Campbell
1992	Kate McCoy
1993	Debbie Flannigan
1994	Jennifer Parker
1995	Alana Guidi
1996	Elizabeth Sutton
1997	Kerry Hedges
1998	Aimee McQueen
1999	Ashley Laughland
2000	Jennifer Dickson
2001	Jennifer Egan
2002	Stacey Kavanagh
2003	Jennifer Roger
2004	Siobhan King
2005	Stephanie McHallam
2006	Kate Milner
2007	Courtney Finnigan
2008	Kerri-Ann Murdoch
2009	Laurie Swan
2010	Vicky Burns
2011	Alanna McGinnis

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What's Rotary all about?

The Rotary Club of Irvine ***is part of the world wide organisation of well over a million men and women.***

Locally and internationally our success is built on a reputation for integrity and humanitarian service, and this principle applies equally well within the Irvine community or in far corners of the world.

Our membership is composed of a wide range of people whether in trade, in retail, in business or in the professions.

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My Year as Marymass Queen

Alanna McGinnis

Standing lined up after the interviews I honestly thought I did not have a chance. I was so surprised when Captain Danny Kerr announced my name. I think I just stood there staring at them.

Straight after school that day I headed to the Low Green for the photoshoot. This was my first time meeting my Marys and we got on well instantly, I'd like to thank Chloe, Ellie, Caitlin-Jay and Stephanie for being fantastic all year, helping me with everything and just overall making it a great experience for me. I would also like to thank Vicky for all the advice and support she has given me throughout the year.

We got to do so many great things like getting pampered, visiting schools, seeing the old Marymass things at the exhibition and going to Irvine beat fm. However one of the highlights (and my most nerve-wrecking events) was the 'sashing'. I got sashed by Provost Pat McPhee along with the Marys. This made me extremely excited for Marymass even more so after the fourth port parade where our horse decided not to walk so we had to go it by foot.

Marymass Saturday was unbelievable. I was so scared that I was physically shaking in the marquee waiting to go on stage and be crowned. My mouth was all dry and I kept stuttering during my speech, but it was a fantastic day and I felt like an absolute princess sitting in the carriage with my dress on.

I would like to thank Hazel and Gary for organising everything and Andy Tremble, John Rorrison, Ian Clarkson, Margaret McGregor for making my gorgeous dress, Liam and Dylan my page boys, William for piping at my house to make it extra special Alison, Liz, Wullie and Sharon for your lovely gifts and my family, especially my mum and dad for supporting me throughout it all and buying all my lovely outfits for events. I could go on forever thanking people and anyone I've missed I'm extremely thankful to you.

I wish I could re-live it all again as it was a brilliant experience.

I would like to wish Emma and her Marys the best of luck and I hope they have a fantastic year.

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In recent years, the people of the town have made the policing of Marymass a relatively easy operation. There has been little in the way of public disorder, which so marred this event in years gone past. Consequently, the event is now much more attractive to the vast majority of the public and has become a far greater advert for the town and its communities.

This year, the main focus of the police is to help maintain this positive spirit and your local officers will be focussed on ensuring that all those attending can do so safe in the knowledge that they will not be subjected to abuse or aggression, nor will they have to witness acts of public disorder. With that in mind, officers will know to act swiftly and decisively when such acts are reported or observed. It is their intention, in the same way as it's the organisers' intention and the public's desire, to ensure that the event is trouble-free and enjoyable for everyone.

In that respect, I ask you to comply with any police instruction on Marymass Saturday, even if it may not be immediately apparent to you why this instruction was given. I would ask you to respect the local environment, clear up any litter or debris you may leave behind and ensure that the area remains attractive for all throughout the course of the day. Lastly I would ask you to engage with the local officers, they are there to maintain your safety and protection and they will be more than happy to chat to you or your families should you wish to discuss any aspect of the operation, or indeed, just pass the time of day with them.

On behalf of the local police, I wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Marymass and I'm sure the positive example of recent years will be repeated in 2012.

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